(d) what will be the total pay off for this VRS?

THE MINISTER OF TEXTILES (SHRI SYED SHAHNAWAZ HUSSAIN): (a) and (b) As per Rehabilitation Schemes sanctioned by BIFR, no NTC mill is identified for Disinvestment/sell off. However, 66 unviable mills are proposed for closure to improve the overall viability of the sick NTC Companies.

(c) and (d) VRS has been proposed for the affected employees in 66 unviable mills involving a cost of around Rs. 1,665 Cr.

Recruitments by IAF

*235. SHRI K. RAMA MOHANA RAO: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that IAF has decided to go to professional institutions like NTs, RECs, Central Universities, etc., to recruit fresh graduates for its Force;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether IAF has revised HRD norms for this purpose; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES): (a) and (b) Appointment of fresh graduates from professional institutions, including NTs, is part of the on-going recruitment process of the IAF. Awareness campaign, recruitment rallies, advertisements in media, information dissemination through internet and visit to educational institutions by IAF officers are undertaken by the IAF to attract graduates.

(c) and (d) Human Resource Development (HRD) norms have not been revised. Candidates from NTs are exempt from appearing in the Engineering Knowledge Test. However, they have to undergo the remaining testing procedure at Air Force Selection Boards and be medically fit.

Effect of Globalisation oh carpet trade

*236. PROF. SAIF-UD-DIN SOZ: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether globalisation has hit Indian carpet trade; and